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**FCC TO HOST MONTHLY OPEN MEETING THURSDAY ADDRESSING
NET NEUTRALITY, WI-FI ON SCHOOL BUSES, 6 GHz BAND
OPERATIONS, & IMPROVED WIRELESS ALERTS**

Meeting Is Open to the Press and Public, and Livestreamed

WASHINGTON, October 17, 2023—This Thursday, the FCC’s monthly Open Commission Meeting will feature a packed agenda including consideration of an Open Internet proposal. FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel has proposed that the Commission take the first procedural steps toward reaffirming rules that would treat broadband internet service as an essential service for American life. If adopted by a vote of the full Commission at Thursday’s meeting, this would begin the process of re-establishing the FCC’s oversight over broadband and restoring uniform, nationwide net neutrality rules, which would allow the FCC to protect internet openness and consumers, defend national security, and advance public safety.

Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel said: “In the wake of the pandemic and the generational investment in internet access, we have a window to update our policies to make sure that the internet is not only open, but fast and fair, safe and secure. I am committed to seizing this opportunity. Now is the time for our rules of the road for internet service providers to reflect the reality that internet access is a necessity for daily life. Let’s get to it.”

The monthly Open Commission Meeting will take place on Thursday, October 19 starting at 10:30 a.m. E.T. It is open to the public and press via livestream and in person (with limited space). The agenda includes the Open Internet Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, support for Wi-Fi on school buses, improving Wireless Emergency Alerts, and expanded unlicensed use of the 6 GHz spectrum band, and other items.

The FCC has provided facts sheets with more information on Chairwoman Rosenworcel’s proposal to restore Net Neutrality rules:

[How Net Neutrality Protects Consumers & Speech](#)
[Impacts of Restoring Broadband Oversight: National Security](#)
[Restoring FCC’s Authority Over Broadband Providers Under Title II](#)

This meeting is open to the public. Members of the media are welcome to attend.

WHAT: Open Commission Meeting
[Agenda & Materials](#)

WHEN: Thursday, October 19, 2023
10:30 a.m. ET

WHERE: FCC Headquarters
Commission Meeting Room

45 L Street NE
Washington D.C.

LIVESTREAM: <https://www.fcc.gov/live>

Seating for Media: The FCC reserves a section of the room for members of the news media. This space – as with all space in the room – is limited in capacity and available on a first –come, first served basis. Members of the media can, but are not required to, RSVP to will.wiquist@fcc.gov. There are no reserved seats and RSVPs are helpful but do not guarantee access if the room exceeds capacity.

Arrive Early: Please leave time to go through [FCC security checks](#).

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